

Football Pictures in Rotogravure

A full page of the big plays in the big games in tomorrow's

Big Sunday Post-Dispatch

On the first want page the programs of the leading features at the neighborhood moving picture houses for all next week.

KIEL AND PLAYER CAN'T HELP CUT TAX UNLESS RE-ELECTED

Adjustment of Assessment Will Not Be Made Until After Spring Election.

ALDERMEN HAVE THE SAY
Mayor and Comptroller Could Only Recommend Proposed Reduction of 10 Cents on \$100.

While Mayor Kiel, Republican, and Comptroller Player, Democrat, acting as a majority of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and both regarded as possible Mayoralty candidates at next April's election, have made an "informal recommendation" that the St. Louis tax rate next year be reduced from \$2.35 on each \$100 valuation to \$2.25, it was pointed out at the city hall today that neither the Mayor nor the Comptroller can have any official influence in reducing the rate unless re-elected.

Comptroller Player already has said he will not be a candidate for re-election to his present office.

The vote on the tax rate for next year will not be taken until after the spring election, April 3. The only Mayor and the only Comptroller that will have any authority in fixing this rate are those who will be in office the third Tuesday in next April. Even these officials can only recommend a reduction and there have been times when such recommendations were ignored by the Municipal Assembly, now the Board of Aldermen.

Half the membership of the Board of Aldermen also is to be elected next April, and much will depend on the political complexion of that body when the tax rate question is brought up. If the board fails to establish a new rate before May 4 next the present rate of \$2.35 on the \$100 valuation will remain in force.

"WE ARE WEALTHIEST NATION IN THE WORLD," REDFIELD SAYS

Secretary of Commerce Says We Have Not Had to Waste Men in War.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Secretary Redfield, of the Department of Commerce, in his annual report sums up the country's commercial dominance as follows:

"Our foreign indebtedness has been reduced possibly three billions. We have loaned abroad a total sum since the war began on Aug. 7, 1914, estimated at \$1,500,000,000 and increasing. We are the wealthiest nation in the world and the most prosperous one. We have not wasted our men or means in war. Relatively to our fiscal power today our debts are trifling. Nations less wealthy than some of our individual states bear a heavier burden of debt and interest charges."

The secretary urges larger appropriations for all the bureaus of his department, and for enlarged building facilities. Experts in many lines, he says, are being employed constantly at higher salaries by private concerns, thus crippling the department in its work. This is particularly true, he says, of the scientific bureaus. Higher pay is asked for these experts.

POLISH COUNCIL IS ORDERED

Members to Name Twenty-Five Members to Administrative Council.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—German newspapers announce that German General von Dueseler and Col. von Haeften have issued a new proclamation creating a Polish State Council of 25 members, representing the occupied territories, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam.

The members of the Council, the dispatch adds, will be appointed by the German and Austrian Emperors and the council will administer the affairs of the new kingdom and the Polish army, which is in process of formation.

The council will be a provisional body, its main object being to administer the occupied territories and to prepare the way for a permanent administration. The council has been set up, says the Overseas News Agency. Of the 25 members of the council, 15 will be appointed from the territory organized by the Germans and 10 from that held by the Austrians.

\$550 FOR LOST FOX TROT SKILL

Ward Made Because Girl Can't Dance So Well After Accident.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 9.—Fox trotting is an accomplished possession, says a money value, as shown by the verdict of a jury here today. In September, 1915, Miss Margaret Comer, a high school girl, was brushed against a main street show window by Meyer Bloom's automobile which skidded upon the sidewalk. Miss Comer sued Bloom for \$10,000.

Bloom made no claim for organic injury. She merely told the jury that when she danced her muscles and ligaments lacked their former elasticity and her confidence she was unable to fox trot with the skill which had characterized her dancing prior to the accident. The jury awarded to Miss Comer \$550.

Second Pay Raise in Year.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—Thirteen hundred employees of the Corn Products Refining Co. will have their pay raised 17 per cent beginning Dec. 15. The increase is the second in a year, the first amounting to 10 per cent.

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HOME

EDITION

Text of the American Protest Against Deportation of Belgians

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The text of the United States' protest to Germany concerning the deportation of Belgians to Germany was made public here yesterday, simultaneously with the announcement that the document had been read to Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg by American Charge Grew. It was as follows:

"The Government of the United States has learned with the greatest concern and regret of the policy of the German Government to deport from Belgium a portion of the civilian population for the purpose of forcing them to labor in Germany and is constrained to protest in a friendly spirit, but most solemnly, against this action, which is in contravention of all precedents and of those humane principles of international practice which have long been accepted and followed by civilized nations in their treatment of noncombatants.

"Furthermore the Government of the United States is convinced that the effect of this policy, if pursued, will in all probability be fatal to the Belgian relief work, so humanely planned and so successfully carried out, a result which would be generally deplored and which, it is assumed, would seriously embarrass the German Government."

FAIR TONIGHT AND TOMORROW, WITH A RISING TEMPERATURE

Official forecast for St. Louis and vicinity: Fair tonight and tomorrow; slowly rising temperature; the lowest temperature tonight will be about 24 degrees; about 28 degrees tomorrow.

Missouri—Generally fair tonight and tomorrow; slowly rising temperature.

Illinois—Fair tonight and tomorrow, except probably unsettled in north portion; somewhat warmer tomorrow.

Stage of this change.

SHARK SKINS FOR LEATHER

Government Experimenting to Get Animal Hide Substitute.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Use of shark skins as a substitute for leather is being investigated by the United States Bureau of Fisheries as a possible solution of the high cost of animal skins. Already, says a bureau statement today, an acceptable leather is being made from shark skins in some foreign countries and in the United States there has been a limited demand for the skins as coverings for small articles.

Florida fishermen will supply large shark skins for the experiments. The Government is furnishing the fishing tackle. Men in the highhouse service also have been directed to catch sharks.

RED MEN NO LONGER VANISHING

Indians Increase 1522 in Year Under Improved Conditions.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The American Indian no longer is a vanishing race, and the health conditions are increasing in numbers, according to the annual report of Commissioner Sells, of the Indian Bureau.

There were 202,224 Indians when the report was written, an increase of 1522 over a year ago. Health and educational campaigns, the report says, reduced the general death rate this year from 23.5 in one thousand to 22.3 and cut down the number of infant deaths from 228 in one thousand to 130 this year. Deaths from tuberculosis were reduced 40 per cent.

"FAMINE" PARADE IN BOSTON

Society Housewives Plan to March in Rags.

BOS., N. Dec. 9.—Society women here are being asked to join in a "famine" parade through the whole state to march. The marchers are to be garbed in rags.

Mrs. Ida M. Hubbard, president of the Boston Housewives' League, is making the plans and will invite 1000 women to march. The plan is to parade to the State House and there tell the commission appointed by the Governor to investigate high prices how to legislate to reduce them.

WASHINGTON MONUMENT LIGHTS

Illumination to Be Proposed in Bill by Representative Hood.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Brilliant illumination for the Washington monument is designed in a bill by Representative George E. Hood of North Carolina, advocating giant searchlights from the four "eyes" of the monument. One would light the dome of the Capitol.

"The patriotic purpose of the New York World in lighting the statue of the monument," Representative Hood said, "would light the dome of the Capitol."

LOSS BECAUSE OF JITNEYS

Car Line Revenues in California Cut \$4,469,688 by Autos.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 9.—Jitney buses have cost transportation companies operating in California a loss of \$4,469,688, according to a report of the State Board of Equalization. The third railroads, operating about two-thirds of the street railway systems in San Francisco, are hardest hit by the jitneys, their loss being estimated at \$1,000,000. The board recommends that jitneys be taxed.

GERMANY SOON TO ANSWER AMERICA'S BELGIAN PROTEST

Expected to Follow Lines Used in Reply to Spain in Regard to Deportations.

GREATER CARE PROMISED FIVE SPEECHES HERE

Position Is Understood to Be That Military Necessity Requires Action.

BERLIN, Dec. 7, via London, Dec. 9.—Germany in a day or two will reply with a memorandum to the representations which Joseph C. Grew, secretary of the American embassy, has been making regarding the deportation of Belgian laborers. The reply is expected to follow much the same lines as that made to the Belgian protest through the Spanish Government, the substance of which was published in the North German Gazette this morning.

The result of Secretary Grew's conference with Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, the subject probably will be that while the principle of using unemployed Belgians in Germany will be adhered to, pains will be taken to see that it is accurately applied. It is explained that it has not always been possible to prevent the measure being applied to Belgians not of the unemployed classes, but that greater care is now being exercised, and that with the use of Belgian lists it is thought the measure can be restricted solely to the classes which it is designed to affect.

The position of the German Government on the Belgian deportations was outlined in a statement issued in Berlin Thursday and published in the Post-Dispatch yesterday.

U. S. Protest on Belgian Deportations Read to German Chancellor.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The American protest on the Belgian deportations was read to the German Chancellor today by American Ambassador Grew. The protest was read in the presence of the German Foreign Minister, Count von Seeliger, and the German Ambassador in Washington, Count von Helldorf.

The decision to protest formally against the treatment of the Belgians followed unsuccessful informal efforts by Charge Grew, under instructions that he say to the Berlin Foreign Office that the deportations were having a most unfavorable effect upon neutrals, particularly on the United States. The charge was informed, in reply, that the policy was adopted as a military necessity, and that Germany regarded it as legal.

German Socialists Plan to Protest Against Belgian Deportations.

HAVRE, France, Dec. 9.—Twenty Belgian Socialists and 22 Belgian Deputies now living in Brussels have taken the personal risk of sending a signed protest to Gen. von Bissing against the deportations. They also sent copies of their protest to Brand Whitlock, the American Minister to Belgium, to the Marquis de Villabona, Spanish Minister at Brussels and to the diplomatic representatives of other countries.

Arizona Dry Law in Effect.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 9.—The constitutional prohibition amendment adopted at the November election became effective last night with the issuance by Gov. George W. P. Hunt of a proclamation. Liquor now in the State, according to the law, becomes contraband.

In Tomorrow's Sunday Post-Dispatch

BELGIAN MINISTER OF JUSTICE APPEALS TO AMERICA TO STOP GERMAN DEPORTATIONS—The Belgian Minister of Justice, M. de Weert, in a letter to Gen. von Bissing, after referring to the suffering already caused by the German occupation, says: "But now a new violence falls upon and tears apart our families. Hundreds of thousands of peaceable citizens of all ages and conditions—a civil population—have been abruptly and brutally snatched from their firesides and deported to Germany. Hundreds of thousands of women, children and the aged have been abandoned, deprived of support and given over to the anguish of separation, the duration of which no one can foresee."

Deportations From Northern France Have Been Resumed.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Co. from Amsterdam says: "Deportations from Northern France have been resumed. Six thousand alleged unemployed persons from Lille, Roubaix, Turcoing and Cambrai passed through Liege in the last six days in long trains composed of cattle cars, bound for Düsseldorf, Rhenishland and Essen. Deportations also have begun in Namur province, Belgium."

Man's Leg Broken in Fall on Snow.

Railway Station, St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 9.—A man's leg was broken in a fall on snow last night, slipped on the snow and his right leg was fractured.

BRYAN ARRIVES AND MAKES ATTACK ON THE BREWERIES

Says Beer Makers Are More of a Menace to Homes Than Burglars.

FIVE SPEECHES HERE

Declares Any Time Is Good Time to Try and Stop the War.

William Jennings Bryan came to St. Louis this morning to make five speeches today and tomorrow in connection with the meeting of the Federal Council of the Church of Christ in America.

He arrived at 8:30 o'clock from Washington. After submitting to be photographed on Market street and arranging for his tickets to Jackson, Tenn., where he goes tomorrow night, he was taken to the Warwick Hotel.

Bryan was asked by reporters if he thought this was the right time for President Wilson to make peace overtures to the warring nations as suggested recently by Speaker Champ Clark. "I will illustrate that this way," Bryan said. "A speaker was about to begin an address. He asked the chairman when he should stop. The chairman said: 'There is no place in your speech that is not a good place to stop.'"

"That is true of war," Bryan continued. "As there is no dispute that the cause is just, and that there is no time during a war when it is not possible to stop fighting and settle the dispute by peaceful means. To deny that peace is possible at any time is to assert that causes cannot be settled except by war, and that would mean that war would always remain a menace to society."

Talks on Prohibition.

The Commoner was asked, in view of his efforts to make prohibition dry in 1920, what remedy he would suggest for cities like St. Louis, where there is a big investment in breweries.

"I would suggest," he said, "that the cause of prohibition is something else. There is no more reason for defending the brewery business because it is profitable than there is for defending the burglary business because it is profitable. Burglary is not nearly so great a menace to the home as the brewer. He only takes the personal property that he can carry away. The liquor business takes all the home whatever it can, all the property and all the money. It takes the daughter and wife, when they can be reached, and the children. It fastens the alcoholic habit upon the parents and closes the door of hope to the children before they are born."

Good Prophet This Time.

When Bryan was here two weeks before the November election he predicted that even Utah, which went for Taft four years ago, would go for Wilson. Reporters reminded him of the prediction. "Yes, I was a good prophet this time," he said.

Bryan spoke at noon at a public meeting at the Columbia Theatre. From there he goes to the City Club, where he speaks on "The Political Future." At 3:30 p. m. he will address the W. C. T. U. at Century Church, Sixteenth and Columbia. At 8 o'clock tonight he will address the Federal Council at the second Baptist Church, King's highway and Washington boulevard. His subject will be "The Boy in the City."

MCKINLEY FRANCHISE ATTACKED

Bill to Repeal It Is Introduced in Board of Aldermen.

Alderman Barney L. Schwartz yesterday introduced in the Board of Aldermen a bill to repeal the franchise granted in 1907 to the St. Louis Electric Traction Co. under which the Illinois Traction (McKinley) system operates in St. Louis.

Schwartz said that if the bill is passed and subsequently is reviewed by the courts, the city's right to compel the observance of the original franchise, including a provision for a 5-cent fare between St. Louis and Granite City, would be determined. The Interstate Commerce Commission a few days ago decided that although the McKinley system had pledged itself to charge 6 cents between St. Louis and Granite City, the rate was inadequate and allowed a fare of 10 cents.

Woman Gets Gold French Medal.

PARIS, Dec. 9.—President Poincare has awarded a gold medal to Mrs. Harry Dureux of New York for her services during the last two years as head of an American committee for war victims.

Wife of the New Premier, Who Is Reforming British Cabinet



This is the first photograph of Mrs. Lloyd-George, the wife of the new British Premier, to be published here.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Lloyd George's cabinet will be non-partisan and will meet the popular demand for a business government. It will not be a coalition cabinet in the sense of Asquith's administration, because Asquith had the co-operation of all parties, including the Irish Nationalists.

The Liberal meeting at the Reform Club yesterday decided that the old Liberal leaders would constitute an opposition party in the House of Commons, although the opposition would be one of helpful criticism.

A surprise was the announcement made by Viscount Grey in the Liberal conference that Arthur J. Balfour would succeed him in the Foreign Office, with Lord Robert Cecil continuing as assistant. Lord Curzon, qualified by former service in the Foreign Office, and with a brilliant record as Indian viceroy, had been thought assured of the honor. The choice of Balfour aroused instant protest from papers which rated him as one of the aged "wait and see" school.

16-INCH GUNS FOR AMERICAN WARSHIPS

Naval Board Plans Also Include Dreadnoughts of 40,000-Ton Displacement.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Preliminary work on the 1918 national defense program moved forward yesterday in both the naval and military committees of the House with Rear Admiral Badger and Fletcher, of the navy's general board, before the former and Quartermaster General Sharpe again before the latter.

The two admirals told of the board's recommendation for an enormous increase in size and power and a smaller increase in speed for the battleships to be provided for at this session of Congress. Because of the tendency of European navies to build even larger ships and guns, and because there is reason to believe that Japan already has begun construction a more powerful ship than has yet been planned for the United States, Admiral Badger said the board felt it necessary that the American Navy follow a similar policy. He said the board had recommended main batteries of twelve 16-inch guns, an increase of fifty per cent in gun power over 1917 ships, and a speed of 23 knots an hour.

A statement issued by Secretary Daniels indicates that the recommendations of the board will be approved when the department's opinion is laid before the committee. The new dreadnoughts will displace probably more than 40,000 tons as against the 32,000 for the California class and succeeding ships.

Gen. Sharpe brought out before the military committee the fact that the army still is far behind in recruiting for the 1917 increment of the increase in strength already authorized.

His statement was in line with that of Major-General Hugh L. Scott, Chief of Staff, in his annual report, made public yesterday. Gen. Scott declared that universal military training and service would be the only solution to the recruiting problem.

Universal service also came up at the naval committee, hearing, Admiral Badger saying that this was the "one grand answer" to all problems of obtaining crews for navy ships.

W. K. KAVANAUGH LEARNS THAT HE IS A GRANDFATHER

Receives Word Also From England That His Son-in-Law Is Again Invalid.

William K. Kavanaugh of 5601 Western avenue, president of the Southern Coal, Coke and Mining Co., and deep waterways advocate, has learned, in recent letters from England that he is a grandfather and that his son-in-law, Capt. Walter Valentine Churchill-Longman of the Second Gloucestershire Infantry has for a second time been "invalided" from the front.

His granddaughter, Valerie Lee Kavanaugh Churchill-Longman, is now 5 months old. Capt. Churchill-Longman at the time the last letter was sent was with his wife and child in London, but was making frequent visits to the medical examining board, seeking permission to return to the front.

Mrs. Churchill-Longman before her marriage was Sara Talbot Kavanaugh. She met Churchill-Longman at the home of Sir Robert Hatfield, a manufacturer of Sheffield, while she and her mother were visiting England several years ago. Sir Robert lately "stood godfather" for the Churchill-Longman baby, the letter said.

FORD INJUNCTION EXTENDED

Will Be Dissolved or Made Permanent Within the Next Sixty Days.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 9.—The three Circuit Judges who heard the Dodge Brothers' injunction case today extended for 60 days the temporary injunction restraining Henry Ford from using the profits of the Ford Motor Co. to develop its business.

The Judges during this time will listen to further arguments and will then decide whether to grant a permanent injunction.

The Post-Dispatch is the only evening paper in Detroit that has published the full text of the Ford Motor Co. development.

SEVERAL THOUSAND MORE RUMANIANS TAKEN BY TEUTONS

Additional to 18,000 Already Reported Captured in Two Days—Total of Prisoners Made Since Dec. 1 Put at 70,000.

Defeated Armies Retreating Rapidly—Russians Continue Attacks in Carpathian Mountain Forests.

Admitted to Have Gained Ground, but With "Heavy Losses"—Violent Artillery Fighting on Somme Front.

BERLIN, Dec. 9, by wireless to Sayville.—Strong attacks were made yesterday by the Russians in the Carpathian forests, the War Office announces. North of Dorna Watra, and south of the Trottus Valley, the Russians gained ground at the cost of heavy losses.

In western Rumania, several thousand more prisoners have been taken, as well as many cannon. This is in addition to 15,000 Rumanians reported yesterday to have been captured in two days. The Rumanians are retreating rapidly. Since Dec. 4 the Rumanians have lost more than 70,000 men and 150 cannon.

Violent artillery fighting occurred on the Somme front yesterday, it is announced officially. A night advance against German positions near the Transloy was repulsed.

Russian Take Two Heights and 500 Prisoners in North Rumania.

PETROGRAD, via London, Dec. 9.—Russian troops on the Northern Rumanian front attacked the Teutonic forces in the Putna Valley region yesterday and dislodged them from two heights, the War Office announces. They took 500 prisoners, including 10 officers, six machine guns, two bomb mortars and one cannon.

Artillery Fighting on Verdun in Region of Hill 304.

PARIS, Dec. 9.—Artillery fighting occurred last night on the Verdun front in the region of Hill 304, the War Office announces. There were no important developments elsewhere.

Berlin Reports Repulsing of Enemy Attacks on Macedonian Front.

BERLIN, Dec. 9, by wireless to Sayville.—Following is the official report of today from the Macedonian front:

"The hill positions north of Monastir and northeast of Paralovo were shelled strongly, after which attacks were made in the Cerna Bend, which were repulsed easily."

"East of Upper Tahnova Lake (Struma front), Bulgarian vanguards repulsed a British company."

Explosion in Italian Munition Plant Killed 50 Are Dead.

TURIN, Dec. 8, via Paris, Dec. 9.—An explosion has occurred in the Alexandria explosives plant. It is feared that more than 50 persons have been killed. The cause of the disaster has not yet been established.

Norwegian, Danish and Two British Ships Reported Sunk.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Lloyd's announces that the Norwegian steamer *Narvik* has been sunk. The *Narvik* was a vessel of 1200 tons and was owned at Christiania.

Lloyd's also report the sinking of the Danish steamship *Sigurd*, 2175 gross tons, and of the British steamships *Arcton*, 1815 tons; *Cornish*, 8920, and *Tanfield*.

RUMANIAN RULER'S BROTHER A GENERAL IN INVADING ARMY

Said to Have Told People, 'I Have Come to Polish People's King.'

LONDON, Dec. 9.—One of the commanders of the German forces invading Rumania, says a Reuter dispatch from Jassy, the new seat of the Rumanian Government, is a brother of King Ferdinand of Rumania. He has been used a proclamation to the people of the invaded territory, the dispatch adds, in which he says:

"Compose yourselves, go on with your business. I have come to punish your felon of a King."

King Ferdinand of Rumania, who is a nephew of the late King Charles, has two brothers, both Generals in the German army. One brother, Prince Wilhelm of Hohenzollern, is the head of the nonreigning branch of the Hohenzollern family. The other is Prince Karl Anton.

EMPEROR CHARLES VISITS KAISER

Confers With Him and Field Marshal at German Headquarters.

BERLIN, Dec. 9, by wireless to Sayville.—Emperor Charles has visited the German general headquarters, where he conferred with Emperor William, Field Marshal von Hindenburg and Field Marshal Conrad von Hotzendorff, says a Reuter dispatch.

CHANGES MADE IN FESTIVAL PLANS AT THE COLISEUM

Distribution of Gifts and General Merry Making Will Take Place in Morning.

CONCLUSION BY NOON

Three Entrances Will Be Open to Children Instead of One, as Formerly.

Previously acknowledged \$520.00
Cash \$50.00
Total \$570.00

For the first time in the history of the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival, the women and men who devote themselves to the cause without regard for personal convenience or pleasure may do so on the approaching festive day, and yet have their Christmas dinner at home or with friends, as the case may be.

The same revised order of things will permit the girls and boys who become the guests of the festival on that date to enjoy the midday repast at their leisure, in their own homes, surrounded by relatives, if they so desire.

The distribution of gifts, entertainment and general merry-making in the Coliseum, which feature the day, are to take place in the forenoon, beginning at 10:30 o'clock. It is expected to reach a conclusion by noon. In former years this festive feature has taken place in the afternoon, usually starting at 2:30 o'clock.

Why Hour Was Changed.
Change in the hour came about through an endeavor to devise some plan that would shorten the hours of the little folk in the Coliseum. While it was always formally ordered that the doors be opened at about noon, it was essential that many workers on various committees be in the house from early in the morning. In order that their general might be completed by the time guests were to come upon the scene, invariably the children began to assemble by about 9 a. m., and there was never any disposition to keep them in the open until the hour set for the opening of the doors and they were accordingly admitted to the building. Being within, they were there to remain until the close unless forced to leave because of the hour of the forenoon change. The result under this order of things was that hundreds of the children became tired out before the close of the entertainment, about 4 o'clock, it was necessary for the mothers or guardians to leave and thus the little ones missed much that would have given them genuine enjoyment if only they had been in a physical condition to remain.

Three Entrances Open to Children.
Another disadvantage of the afternoon entertainment, with the long hours of waiting for many of the children, as explained, was that those who crowded in early were far more liable to be overlooked in the distribution of presents; for this part of the schedule could not properly be departed from. With the change introduced the gifts will be bestowed as the children enter the Coliseum, at three entrances as against one in previous years, and there is but highly remote chance that any one will fail to receive the remembrance best calculated to prove happiest to him.

The three entrances referred to are to be restricted to children. They are to be distinguished by colors, red, white and blue, and tickets of admission, bearing instruction at which the holder will be admitted, are to be so ordered that it is believed the full number can be gotten into the Coliseum in not exceeding one hour and a half, allowing ample time for careful distribution of the presents. The committee members and other guests are to be admitted through a fourth door, to be conspicuously designated by a banner.

Mrs. Run Away, Wagon Hits Car. A mule team ran away last night while the driver, Maurice Fitzgerald, 2908 A Chouteau avenue, was eating in a restaurant at Chouteau and Compton avenues. In front of 304 Chouteau avenue, the team collided with a westbound Chouteau car, the tongue of the wagon running the front vestibule. Motorman Arthur Smith, 3657 Folsom avenue, and Cornelius Warren, 451 Bacon street, a passenger, were cut about the face and hands. Fitzgerald was arrested for leaving the team unhitched.

"Variety Is the Spice of Life"

And for a change, the record for Thursday, Dec. 7 and Friday, Dec. 8 of Home-Merchants' advertising carried by the St. Louis papers are put in one table, to-wit:

Post-Dispatch, alone, 234 Cols.
Globe-Democrat, Republic and Times, combined, 181 Cols.
Post-Dispatch, alone, beat all added together, 53 Cols.

In other words, the Post-Dispatch on Dec. 7 and 8 exceeded the 3 next nearest papers Fifty-three Cols. in volume of Home-Store-News.

Why?

The Quantity and Quality circulation that sells the goods is the "Why."

CIRCULATION

Average last 11 months, 1916:
Sunday only, 357,052 Daily average, 205,068
"First in Everything"

MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR \$14,000,000 BOND ISSUE

River Des Peres Sewer, Docks, Industrial Farm, Convention Hall and Inebriates' Home Favored.

A bond issue of \$14,000,000 to meet the cost of permanent improvements was approved yesterday at a meeting of a subcommittee of ten of the Mayor's conference, which is composed of representatives of commercial and civic organizations.

The committee decided that the proposition should be submitted at a special election, probably in May or June. If the issue is voted it will give ample funds for the City-Plan Commission's various proposals for the improvement of St. Louis.

In the tentative list of public improvements recommended by the subcommittee are included the conversion of River des Peres into a sewer, with an industrial railroad and a boulevard along its banks in the southwestern part of the city; a municipal belt rail-

way; a municipal convention hall, a municipal farm for inebriates and petty offenders; a municipal incinerating plant, docks along the river front from Market street to Arsenal street; elimination of grade crossings; extensions of the park system, and additions to public institutions.

The amounts that the committee recommended be spent for these improvements are: River des Peres, railroad and boulevard, \$5,000,000; belt railroad, including docks, \$2,000,000; convention hall, \$1,000,000; industrial farm, \$400,000; incinerating plant, \$250,000; viaducts at different grade crossings, \$2,000,000. Allowances made for these and other improvements, except the improvement of River des Peres, probably will be changed before final approval by the Mayor's Conference is requested.

GRAND JURY TO TAKE UP NEGRO VOTE CASE

Harvey Makes Decision in Case of Ninety-Six Arrested, After Conference.

Circuit Attorney Harvey, after a conference today with Breckinridge Club, former president of the Wilson Club, said he would lay before the grand jury next week information about the negroes with criminal records who attempted to vote at the November election.

The police, he said, were handicapped in obtaining information about the negroes because of the action of Judge Miller of the Court of Criminal Correction in discharging the men without giving the Circuit Attorney's office a chance to look up their records. "This makes it difficult to identify the negroes," he said. "Their records have so be looked up and then they have to be identified by the policemen who arrested them on former occasions."

Long has been active in the investigation, employing attorneys to look up the records of the negroes. The grand jury yesterday interrogated witnesses in regard to negroes who attempted to vote at the recent election and who are alleged to have been convicted of crimes which precluded them from voting. Election officials and policemen were the witnesses.

The testimony concerned two negroes who are alleged to have been convicted of petit larceny, for which they served terms in the workhouse.

The contention of the Democratic party leaders is that persons convicted of petit larceny are disfranchised until their citizenship is restored. Republican leaders contend that conviction of petit larceny does not cause disfranchisement. Circuit Attorney Harvey's opinion is that it does.

CIVILIAN ARMEN NOT NEEDED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—No civilian aviator will be appointed to the army aviation service during the fiscal year 1917. This announcement was made today by Brigadier-General Scriven, chief signal officer in a report which says that enough line officers have applied for transfer to the air service to fill all vacancies.

A total of 77 officers were either detailed to the corps or under instruction at the time the report was prepared. Efforts are being made, however, the report says, to develop a reserve corps of 300 officers and 2000 trained men.

AVIATOR GOING TO TRENCHES

PARIS, Dec. 8.—Corporal Lincoln Chatkoff of Richmond Hill, L. I., is the first of the American aviators graduating from the Foreign Legion to express a wish to return to his old regiment.

Chatkoff has requested and obtained the privilege of returning to the trenches with his former infantry comrades for two months before going to the front as a flyer. He told a reporter he believed both his mental and physical stamina would be benefited by another period on the firing line.

FEDERAL INQUIRY INTO FOOD PRICES ORDERED

Investigation That Starts Next Week May Include St. Louis Among Cities.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Federal grand jury investigations into the high cost of living were ordered today by Attorney-General Gregory to begin at once in New York and Detroit next week.

Similar investigations in Cleveland, Kansas City, St. Louis, Minneapolis and other points are under consideration. Frank M. Swacker, an Assistant Attorney-General for the Government in the New Haven Railroad case, will be asked to take charge of the New York investigation.

A conference between President Wilson and Attorney-General Gregory on the high prices is scheduled for today. George W. Anderson, United States District Attorney in Boston, who is in Washington directing the nationwide Federal inquiry into the subject is expected to be present.

President Wilson and the Cabinet discussed the situation at yesterday's meeting, and it is understood, decided to wait further disclosures before reaching a conclusion, as to recommendations to be made by the President to Congress. In Congress, the House Commerce Committee is expected to act on bills and resolutions bearing on the subject until after the holidays.

The Interstate Commerce Commission began work on a mass of information relating to car shortages and shipments for use in contemplated prosecutions.

SAYS RAILWAYS SEEM TO BE TRYING TO RUIN OWN CREDIT

Congressional Witness Thinks They Are Trying to Lay Base for Federal Ownership.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Railways were virtually accused of trying to ruin their own credit and laying the foundation for Federal ownership by Max Theodor, president of the National Association of Railway Commissioners, in resuming his testimony today before the Congressional Railroad Investigation Committee.

"The railroads are in a hysteria of pessimism," he said. "With earnings below all previous records and constantly growing larger, the railroads are engaged in the absurd task of trying to ruin their own credit."

In opposing Federal incorporation of the railroads as proposed by them, Theodor said: "The bulk of the railroads about 49 masters is simply language to tickle the ears. No railroad in the United States runs through more than one-third of 88 states. Although all other corporations which do business in different states are subject to regulation by each state, nobody except the railroads is complaining."

'BRITISH FORGES BURN FIERCELY,' SAYS LORD SHAUGHNESSY

Declares Steel Chains Not Silken Cords, Hind Mother Country With Overseas Colonies.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Lord Shaughnessy of Canada returned from England last night. He said he went to England principally on private business. "Britain's forges are burning fiercely," he said, "creating steel chains by which her internal parts will be bound together as never before. It has been her boast for years that only a 'silken cord' connected the mother country with her overseas dominions and colonies. That time is past. The war has demonstrated that unity of effort and direction must continue."

"Lord Shaughnessy's elevation to the Premiership undoubtedly is the outcome of a desire on the part of the more aggressive party in the House of Commons to have a Government that will prosecute the war with more vigor. The change merely indicates that the people of Great Britain wish to utilize every resource at their command to insure victory."

VILLA ARMS PURCHASE RUMORED

Agents Said to Be Buying Munitions in Yokohama.

TOKIO, Japan, Dec. 9.—Three Mexicans, who are said to be representing Villa, are in Yokohama arranging the purchase of large supplies of arms and ammunition.

The Post-Dispatch is the only evening newspaper in St. Louis that reaches the public news gathered by the Associated Press.

ALLIES BLOCKADE PORTS OF GREECE; PLOT IS CHARGED

Hellenic King Accused of Being in League With Those Hostile to the Entente.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—American Ambassador Sharp at Paris notified the State Department today that the alleged blockade of Greece began at 8 o'clock Friday morning.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Special dispatches from Athens and telegrams from Piraeus reiterate emphatically and with purporting corroborative details that the recent attack on the entente allies in Athens was the result of a deliberately prepared plot by the King and his Government, who broke his word to Admiral du Fournet, commander of the entente allied fleet.

The dispatches insist that royalists, headed by the King, have adopted a permanently belligerent attitude toward the entente and say that the mobilization is proceeding rapidly and that every warlike preparation is in progress under Gen. Doumians, chief of the Greek king's staff, and the military clique, encouraged by the Rumanian victories and lavish promises from Germany.

The dispatches say that Greek soldiers occupy all the vantage points near Athens and Piraeus, and are digging trenches and mounting guns. The correspondents say that efforts are being made to concentrate a strong army in the Larissa region for the purpose of attacking the entente allies in the rear, in conjunction with the German-Bulgarian attacks north.

NEGRO "CANDY KID," JUST OUT OF PENITENTIARY, HELD AGAIN

He Had Black Marks in His Pocket and Kirkwood Man's Watchchain.

Robert Carrington, an East St. Louis negro, 23 years old, known as the "candy kid," was arrested today by detectives in a pawnshop at Fifteenth and Market streets.

In his pockets were found three marks, a flash light, a cigar cutter and a watch chain identified as having been stolen from the residence of George Graham at Kirkwood last Sunday night. The chain was easily identified because each link was stamped with a car mark. The detectives found in a pawnshop Graham's watch and a bar pin set with pearls. The negro was identified as having pawned them.

Carrington has been out of Chester, Ill. Penitentiary only ten days and was wearing, when arrested, the suit given him when he was released. He served two years for burglary in East St. Louis.

ORDNANCE EXPERT TO GO TO SEA

Capt. Strauss Expected to Command New Dreadnought.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Capt. Joseph Strauss, for three years chief of the navy's ordnance bureau, with rank of Rear Admiral, has been relieved of that duty at his own request so that he may go to sea. He probably will be assigned to command one of the new dreadnoughts.

Capt. Strauss, who is the navy's principal ordnance expert, has been kept ashore so continuously that he is short of the sea service record required for advancement under the new selection system of promotions.

Thieves Burn \$2000 Auto. The automobile of Cooney Heib, 3941 Lindell boulevard, which was stolen Thursday night, was found yesterday at Ramona Park, St. Louis County. The body had been destroyed by fire. The car was valued at \$2000.

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GERMAN RAIDER BELIEVED TO BE IN NORTH ATLANTIC

Entente Allied Shipping Warned Against Vessel Held Up and Freed as Dutch.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 9.—Entente allied shipping was warned by British naval authorities last night to watch for a strange vessel, believed to be a raider, which was intercepted on Dec. 2, off the northwestern coast of Scotland, and allowed to proceed under the impression that she was the Dutch steamer Gamma. Later it was learned that the Gamma was at Kirkwall on that date and did not depart until Dec. 3.

The text of the warning follows: "A vessel was intercepted at 3 a. m. Dec. 2, in latitude 59°38' north; longitude 12°42' west, and was allowed to proceed under the impression that she was a vessel named Gamma. The latter was at Kirkwall at the time, clearing at 11 a. m. Dec. 3.

"Identity of former not yet established, but description is as follows: About 1200 tons, black hull with red bottom, white upper works, one funnel. Thought to be plain black, no Dutch flag on bow. She was apparently in ballast, steering a course about west southwest. Vessel may be raider."

Disguised Armed German Vessel Reported in North Atlantic

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The Admiralty announced last night that a report had been received that a disguised armed German vessel of mercantile type was sighted in the North Atlantic Dec. 4. No further information has been received concerning the vessel's whereabouts, the Admiralty adds.

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ROBBERY NEAR POLICE STATION

Burglars Work in Alley Back of Headquarters.

Burglars broke into a soft drink factory at 1111 Clark avenue last night and stripped the building of plumbing and accessories. They broke open a back door, which is in the alley behind police headquarters.

Burglars entered Anton Hocher's grocery at 273 Bernard street and carried away a case of eggs. Jewelry valued at \$30 was stolen from the home of Mrs. Pasquale Coppolino, 2125 Bell avenue, in the absence of the family.

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Moving Pictures in Temple. Moving pictures will be shown at a social given for members of the congregation of B'nai-B'rith Temple, Spring and Find avenues, tomorrow evening.

Then Go to Cash Register and Helps Self to \$9.

A young man entered the grocery of H. E. Muehlenbeck, 610 North Garrison avenue, at 5:30 p. m. yesterday and asked the clerk, John H. Benedict, how business was getting along. "Let's see the cash," the visitor requested. Thinking he had an eccentric customer, Benedict opened the register. The visitor covered him with a revolver and helped himself to \$9. As the clerk advanced toward him the robber pointed the revolver at his head and said: "Take a good look so you'll know me the next time." He then backed out of the store.

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ALDERMEN PASS BILL FOR CITY TO PAY UNION WAGES

Measure Carries With It an Appropriation of \$100,000 to Meet the Advance.

The Board of Aldermen, by unanimous vote, yesterday adopted a measure fixing the union scale for the payment of mechanics and skilled laborers employed by the city. An appropriation of \$100,000 to meet the additional requirements of the payroll until next April is made by the bill. Of this amount \$13,200 will come from municipal funds and \$18,700 from waterworks revenue. The largest increases in wages will be those in the Department of Public Utilities, aggregating \$15,485; the Department of Streets and Sewers, \$22,530; Park Department, \$21,450; and Department of Public Welfare, \$285. Representatives of organized labor estimate the annual increase at \$117,000. Comptroller Player says it will be \$230,000.

The charter provides that the city shall pay to mechanics and craftsmen in its service the prevailing rate of wages. Mayor Kiel agreed with the view that this means the union scale. He has announced that he will sign the bill.

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BILL TO BUY C. B. C. PROPERTY

Measure Presented to Aldermen Provides for \$100,000 Appropriation.

Purchase of the Christian Brothers tract of 37½ acres, at King's highway and Easton avenue, for use as a park, is authorized in a bill presented to the Board of Aldermen yesterday. The measure carries an appropriation of \$100,000 as payment for the land in 10 annual installments. This is the price fixed by a commission of three appointed for the purpose. Director of Public Welfare Tolkausk and Park Commissioner Conliffe favor the acquisition of the land.

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GERMANY REPLIES TO INQUIRY ON SINKING OF THE SEEBECK

Vessel Was Sinking Without Lights When Sunk, Says Answer to American Inquiry.

BERLIN, via London, Dec. 9.—The German answer to the American inquiry regarding the sinking of the Seebek has been dispatched to Washington. The steamer Seebek, according to German information, was steaming without lights or any indication of its nationality in the immediate vicinity of a hostile naval port, and there were no means of distinguishing it from an enemy warship.

The foregoing probably refers to the sinking of the vessel alleged to be a German Admiralty steamer of Oct. 20 last as "the armed British transport" near Sebeek, sunk in the Mediterranean by a German submarine on Oct. 12. It was assumed that the British steamer Seebek of 400 tons gross, built in West Hartlepool, in 1909, was the vessel in question.

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MASONS DEFEND HOME BEQUEST

Trustees at Trial of Suit to Break Will of W. J. Fulton.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 9.—The trial to break the will of W. J. Fulton, of Parkville, Mo., who left an estate valued at \$20,000, began in the Federal Court before a jury yesterday. The largest single bequest is \$35,000 to the Missouri Masonic Home at St. Louis. Trustees of the Home are contesting the bequest, claiming that the will of Houston, Tex., only child of the Fultons, to break the will. She was given an income of \$100 a month for life.

Only One "BROMO QUININE"

That is LAKATIE'S BROMO QUININE. Look for signature of E. W. GROVE, M.D.

Bullet Fired into Lambert Garage.

A pistol shot was heard in the vicinity of Euclid avenue and Horne place at 6:45 o'clock last night. A few minutes later it was discovered that a window in the garage of Albert Bond Lambert, 2 Horne place, had been smashed by a bullet. The person who fired the shot was not found.

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WISCONSIN HAS NO DEBTS UNDER ITS PLAN OF TAXATION

Same System Applied in Missouri Would Give State Plenty of Money.

INEQUALITIES ELIMINATED

Everyone Pays His Fair Share to State Revenues—Returns Just Benefits in Return.

By a Staff Correspondent of the Post-Dispatch.

It is the second article by the Post-Dispatch reporter who has spent a week in Wisconsin comparing the tax system of that progressive State with the deplorable condition existing in Missouri.

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 9.—Wisconsin has no debts. Under its Constitution it cannot go into debt more than \$100,000. State finances are in such admirable condition that Wisconsin has an abundance of money for every department of its State government, and most of all for its public schools. The State of Wisconsin paid into the United States Treasury for the year ending June 30, 1916, the sum of \$1,000,000. There are only 12 of the 71 counties in Wisconsin that pay more into the State Treasury than they receive from it.

The financial condition of Wisconsin is a striking contrast with the deplorable financial condition of Missouri, which is now in debt more than \$2,000,000. In Wisconsin, the State Treasury is a large source of money from which to pay its running expenses. The reports of the Treasurer of Wisconsin generally show a comfortable balance of something like \$2,000,000 at the end of each fiscal year, after all expenses of the State have been paid.

As pointed out in the Post-Dispatch Monday, Wisconsin raises its revenue principally by direct taxation, all property in the State, with the exception of intangible personal property, being assessed at its cash value. Under this plan of assessment the railroads and public service corporations pay into the Wisconsin State Treasury approximately \$1,000,000 a year—a sum sufficient to pay the expenses of the State government, and therefore the taxes paid into the State Treasury by the 71 counties, amounting to nearly \$3,000,000 more, is turned back to the counties as State aid.

Example for Missouri.

The members of the Wisconsin Tax Commission, which has audited assessments in this State so that every property owner pays his just share of taxes, assert that Missouri would be in the same favorable financial condition as the State of Wisconsin if the State Board of Equalization, comprising the Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor, Treasurer and Attorney-General, would enforce the provisions of the law requiring the assessment of all property at its cash value.

The Wisconsin State government is efficient for two reasons: It is progressive, and it has plenty of money for all State activities. Wisconsin is proud of its universities, its normal schools, its charitable institutions, and its beautiful capital building.

The difference between the Wisconsin and the Missouri way of doing things is strikingly illustrated in the building of the new capitol. When Missouri, owing to the destruction of its capitol by fire, had to build a new one, it was necessary to pass a bond issue of \$2,000,000. When Wisconsin had to build a new capitol, which cost more than twice as much as the Missouri capitol, it was not necessary to borrow any money. The State government was able to provide the money as fast as it could be expended. The capitol was constructed, one wing at a time, and when the building was completed, the capitol was in debt for its debt, and it will have to pay interest on its bonds for many years.

Wisconsin, with a million less population than Missouri, has probably less than half the wealth of Missouri. Yet the assessed valuation of Wisconsin property is \$2,300,000, while in Missouri it is only \$1,800,000. The 784 miles of Wisconsin railroads, and the equipment of the roads, are assessed at

Comparison of Missouri and Wisconsin Finances

THE figures in this table strikingly illustrate the difference between the progressive State government of Wisconsin and the nonprogressive State government of Missouri, with respect to their financial affairs. Wisconsin raises its revenues principally by direct taxation, the assessment of property, with the exception of intangible personal property, being made at its fair cash value.

Result: Wisconsin has an abundance of money to maintain a highly efficient State government and educational and charitable institutions, while Missouri institutions are never liberally provided for and are now in debt more than \$2,000,000. Except in a few instances these figures are taken from a Census Bureau report on State finances for 1915:

	WISCONSIN	MISSOURI
Population (1915 Census Bureau estimate)	2,460,124	3,372,886
Area in square miles	55,256	69,420
Funded debt	None	7,308,339
Assessed valuation (1915)	\$3,300,000,000	\$1,738,070,331
Receipts from general property taxes	\$10,545,997	\$2,553,658
Receipts from general and special taxes	\$13,117,813	\$6,622,972
Distributed for educational purposes	\$6,748,032	\$3,877,686
Distributed principally to public schools	\$3,075,846	\$2,372,038
Distributed for road building	\$1,352,217	\$317,216
Expended on charitable, hospital and corrective institutions	\$2,406,215	\$1,835,474
Expended on University	\$2,651,936.38	\$500,000
General property tax for State purposes for each \$1000 assessed valuation	\$3.55	\$1.90

Value of lands, buildings and other property for State purposes \$28,232,023 | \$16,071,043 |

Under the Wisconsin system the railroad and public service corporations pay the running expenses of the State government, and a sum equal to all revenues collected from the counties is redistributed to them for educational, charitable and road building purposes. All railroad taxes, and 15 per cent of other public service corporation taxes, are retained by the State. In Missouri the railroads and public service corporations pay their taxes into the counties or cities in which the property is situated.

During the campaign State officials and candidates boasted that under the Missouri system of taxing property on one-third of its value 85 counties received more money from the State Treasury than they paid into it. In Wisconsin, under the cash value assessment plan, all but 12 of the 71 counties receive more from the State Treasury than they pay in.

Missouri was admitted to the Union in 1820, with a population of 66,557. Wisconsin was admitted in 1848. Its population in 1840 was 39,945 and in 1850, 206,391.

Under the Wisconsin plan it is not necessary for the State to resort to all sorts of taxation devices, as in Missouri, to raise revenue. By a fair assessment of all property a sufficient revenue is raised to meet the financial requirements of the State, without resort to the imposition of special taxes upon various kinds of business.

To illustrate: The brewing industry of Wisconsin is almost as large as the brewing industry in Missouri. Wisconsin does not impose any tax upon the brewing industry, other than the direct property taxes, while Missouri levies a revenue of approximately \$300,000 a year from beer inspection fees. Wisconsin does not have to depend upon the various kinds of inspection fees imposed in Missouri to provide State revenue. Examination of the reports of the Wisconsin Treasurer shows that with the exception of the State Treasury, the State of Wisconsin has no other source of revenue. The State of Missouri, on the other hand, has a revenue of approximately \$2,000,000 a year, all the revenue comes from direct taxation.

While the Missouri University is struggling along under an income of approximately \$100,000 a year, the Wisconsin University is spending in round numbers \$3,000,000 a year.

The Wisconsin University takes rank among the first universities of the United States. This college of agriculture of the Wisconsin University spent \$610,551 last year, the expense of this department being larger than that of any other department of the university. Wisconsin is spending vast sums of money to scientifically educate its farmers. The university owns large experimental farms of all kinds. It has splendidly equipped laboratories and buildings. In addition to the manual training college of agriculture of the university, Wisconsin contributed last year \$40,395 to county schools of agriculture and domestic economy, and \$156,954 to county agricultural societies.

In addition to the \$2,000,000 of agricultural receipts that Wisconsin spends on its normal schools for the training of teachers during the past year, and contributed to the State, for public schools and other educational purposes, a total of \$2,145,831.

While the State was spending approximately \$3,000,000 for educational purposes, the counties of Wisconsin raised by tax in addition to the \$2,000,000 of agricultural receipts for the relief of the entire disbursement for education in Wisconsin during the 13 months ending June 30, 1916, was slightly in excess of \$2,000,000; of which 40 per cent was distributed to the State government.

How the Farmer Benefits.

While the Wisconsin farmer pays his fair share of taxes, he derives great benefits from the State Government. Wisconsin is not satisfied merely with educating its rural population. For the fiscal year ending June 30, the State contributed \$1,134,483 to the counties for building roads. Under State supervision there have been constructed over 300 miles of hard surfaced roads in Wisconsin.

The hard surfaced roads in Wisconsin, if laid down in Missouri, would form seven complete, permanent roads between St. Louis and Kansas City. For example, the road from St. Louis to Kansas City, which has been made to have one permanent road built between St. Louis and Kansas City, but these efforts have failed.

The liberality of Wisconsin in road building has stimulated similar efforts in many counties. Milwaukee County, which is situated with respect to Milwaukee as St. Louis County is to St. Louis, has completed a system of hard-surfaced roads, many of which are of concrete construction. As Milwaukee is in Milwaukee County, the city has paid for 85 per cent of this road construction. St. Louis County, being independent from the City of St. Louis, has to build its own roads. But the business people of Milwaukee, after having willingly contributed their 85 per cent toward the construction of the Milwaukee County roads, are complaining because they are not permitted to go out

TAX COMMISSION PART OF PLAN TO RAISE STATE FUNDS

Body if Created Would Have Power to Equalize Assessments Throughout Missouri.

The conference on taxation at the Planters Hotel yesterday, called by Gov.-elect Gardner to consider plans for raising additional revenue to meet the requirements of the State Government, agreed to recommend to the Legislature the creation of a Tax Commission with power to equalize taxes throughout the State.

Many of the proposals for raising new revenue, suggested by the Governor-elect, were opposed by members of the conference. Of those proposed only the following were accepted, and a committee was appointed to investigate their constitutionality before final recommendation is made to the Legislature:

An increase in the collateral inheritance tax from 5 to 7 1/2 per cent.

A secured debt tax which will require the registry of bonds for taxation.

A graduated inheritance tax.

Submission to the people of a constitutional amendment authorizing an income tax.

An increase in the dramshop license tax from \$200 to \$500 a year.

A mortgage-recording tax.

A poll tax was strongly opposed by many members of the conference.

There was also opposition to a tax on moving picture shows and soft drinks.

Gardner Assumes Responsibility.

Some members of the conference, who are also members of the Legislature, showed such opposition to the tax measures proposed by Gardner that the Governor-elect declared that he would assume full responsibility for them.

"If you are afraid these measures will be unpopular," he said, "throw the odium on me. I can carry it, and I have the nerve to go through with this fight. I never expect to be a candidate for any other office, and I do not intend to run from the opposition to proper revenue raising measures."

Frederick N. Judson, a tax expert, who was a member of the conference, said today that he regarded it as very successful, and that the result will be highly beneficial to the State.

"There is no doubt that the State needs additional revenue, and needs it at once," Judson said. "I think Governor-elect Gardner is entitled to the public approbation of the State for his prompt grasping of this situation, and I think the agreements of the conference will have great weight with the Assembly."

The Tax Commission, recommended by the conference, even under our Constitution, can be made very useful in assisting the State Board of Equalization in making our tax system effective.

Approved by Other States.

The new tax plan, including the inheritance tax, the mortgage recording tax, and tax on securities, are all approved by the experience of other States and all will produce revenue. If these bills are passed we shall have a vast increase in the effectiveness of our tax system, and a great improvement in means for prevention of evasion of taxation."

It was estimated by Gardner, in his statement to the conference yesterday, that the increase in the collateral inheritance tax would produce \$150,000 more revenue annually; that the secured debt tax would produce \$100,000; the graduated inheritance tax, \$100,000; mortgage recording tax, \$300,000; and the increase in saloon license taxes, \$500,000.

According to these estimates, the measures approved by the conference would produce an annual revenue of \$2,000,000.

Gardner's tentative proposals, which were published in full in the Post-Dispatch yesterday, were discussed at two public sessions of the conference. The greater part of the discussion centered about the suggestion to create a State Tax Commission and the proposed mortgage-recording tax, inheritance tax and corporate tax.

The other proposals were passed over with little or no comment.

The State Tax Commission was organized by Judson, Prof. Isidor Loeb of the University of Missouri and Cornelius Roach, Secretary of State. It was organized at a meeting at the Planters Hotel last night, at which time the principal question being as to whether the lender or the borrower would pay the tax. It was finally agreed that ultimately the borrower would pay the tax, but E. K. Love of the St. Louis Real Estate Exchange, and others members of that body, believed the interest rate would be lowered because the proposed bill contemplated exempting mortgages from any other personal property tax.

It was estimated by members of the Real Estate Exchange that such a tax would yield nearly \$1,000,000 annually, instead of the \$300,000 given by Gardner's estimate.

Secretary of State Roach, who by virtue of his office is a member of the State Board of Equalization, declared that the State Board does not have power to raise all assessments to full cash value, but only to adjust assessments of counties as units according to whether they are assessed too high or too low in reference to other counties.

Even if it had that power, he said, it would not have time, since all its members are burdened with extensive duties in connection with the conduct of their regular State offices.

For this reason Secretary Roach urged a special State Tax Commission and he thought it should be empowered to go into the counties and review the work of the local assessors, raising the assessments wherever it had been returned too low. He advocated a tax on capital stock of corporations which he thought would produce \$1,000,000 revenue a year, at the same time operating to squeeze the water out of the capitalization. He also asserted the State is greatly in need of more revenue.

Tells Police He Was Robbed of \$70.

Charles Brown of 21 South Broadway told the police that he had been held up by three men at Sixth and Market streets last night and robbed of \$70.

CLUBS JOIN IN NEW GOOD ROADS MOVEMENT

Will Be Known as Federated Road Association—Fund Starts With \$9500.

The Federated Road Associations, formerly organized at a meeting at the Missouri Athletic Association last night, subscribed \$5000 as the nucleus of a fund which will be used to promote the building of good county, State and national highways in Missouri and in those portions of Illinois which are tributary to St. Louis.

Organizations represented at the meeting were the Business Men's League, Associated Retailers, St. Louis Clearing House Association, Automobile Club of St. Louis and the Automobile Dealers' and Manufacturers' Association.

It is expected that civic organizations in other cities and towns in Missouri and Illinois will join in the movement.

The plan is to concentrate the prevailing good roads sentiment into an organized body which will supervise and promote all movements for better highways. A permanent secretary and a field staff of lecturers will be appointed. An expert lawyer and an engineer will be retained to give their advice and services free to any county, farmers' organization or commercial body which has road problems to be solved.

Membership in the Federated Road Association has been fixed at \$100 and it is expected that at least \$25,000 will be raised.

Subscribing organizations are entitled to one membership for each \$100 contributed.

On this basis the contributions made last night were: Automobile Club of St. Louis, \$4000 for 40 memberships; Associated Retailers, \$500 for 5 memberships; Business Men's League, \$500 for 5 memberships; and the Automobile Dealers' and Manufacturers' Association, \$1000 for 10 memberships.

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YOUNG CHEMIST WHO MUST STAND TRIAL PUTS ST. CLAIR COUNTY LID UP TO MAYORS

There will be no Sunday closing of saloons in St. Clair County unless the Mayors of the different towns decide to take that action themselves," Sheriff Logan Mellon of St. Clair County said, when asked today if he would follow the example set by Sheriff Jenkin Jenkins of Madison County, who has announced that saloons in that county must obey the Sunday closing law after Jan. 1.

As long as things are run in an orderly fashion city officials will not be interfered with," Sheriff Mellon continued, "as it has been an understanding since I assumed office that the Mayor of each city is to handle all situations that arise, calling on the Sheriff only as a last resort."

"Halfway measures, however, will not be tolerated. Saloons now have their front doors open on Sunday. This is an open violation of the law, but until city officials act, I do not propose to go over their heads. But if the Mayor of any city attempts to close the front door, that will be my cue to act. When that happens the Sunday lid will go on tight and it will stay on."

Belleville is "wide open." Saloons there are open 24 hours a day, from 5 a. m. until midnight, seven days a week. In addition Priester's Park, on the Belleville-St. Louis Road, is open each Sunday. Mayor Duval of Belleville has never opened open saloons in his county. He was out of the city yesterday and could not be reached for an expression of what he will do.

Mayor Molman of East St. Louis, as has been told before, has announced that he will enforce Sunday closing beginning Jan. 1.

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CLUBS JOIN IN NEW GOOD ROADS MOVEMENT

Will Be Known as Federated Road Association—Fund Starts With \$9500.

The Federated Road Associations, formerly organized at a meeting at the Missouri Athletic Association last night, subscribed \$5000 as the nucleus of a fund which will be used to promote the building of good county, State and national highways in Missouri and in those portions of Illinois which are tributary to St. Louis.

Organizations represented at the meeting were the Business Men's League, Associated Retailers, St. Louis Clearing House Association, Automobile Club of St. Louis and the Automobile Dealers' and Manufacturers' Association.

It is expected that civic organizations in other cities and towns in Missouri and Illinois will join in the movement.

The plan is to concentrate the prevailing good roads sentiment into an organized body which will supervise and promote all movements for better highways. A permanent secretary and a field staff of lecturers will be appointed. An expert lawyer and an engineer will be retained to give their advice and services free to any county, farmers' organization or commercial body which has road problems to be solved.

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E. PLANK AND KOOB FINED FOR PLAYING EXHIBITION GAMES

**Punishments of Two Browns
With 36 Others, Are Stayed
by National Commission.**

Eddie Plank and Ernie Koob, star southpaws of Fielder Jones' Browns, during the past season, were among the many players fined by the National Commission in Cincinnati yesterday for participating in postseason exhibition games without the

The veteran Brownie sidewinder was handed a fine of \$50 for playing with a team in the East, while Koob was fined \$25 for competing with an independent team in Michigan in a contest billed for the championship. Both of the fines were stayed by the high mogul.

the fines inflicted by the National Commission, 10 of them were members of the world's champion Red Sox. They were Olaf Henriksen, Harold Janvrin, Outfielder Shorten Dick Hoblitzell, Duffy Lewis, Mike McNally, Scott, Forest Cady, Babe Ruth and Jack Barry. Barry did not play but acted as manager of the team in an exhibition contest staged in New Haven. All these town-

World's Champions Hit Hard.
Of the other three who must pay, are Ty Cobb of the Tigers, who was fined \$50 for playing first base for the New Haven team against the Red Sox, and Harry Davis, veteran first-sacker, and for the past few seasons coach of the Athletics, \$100, and Infielder Young of the Tigers, \$100.

At the conclusion of their meeting yesterday members of the National Commission announced that any further

The players fined, but whose punishment was stayed were Bush, Dupuc, Burns, Stange and Daus of the Tigers; Mullen, Gilhooly and Nunamaker of the Yankees; Chapman, Gandil and Speaker of the Indians, \$50 each, for playing in contests at Ottawa and Montreal.

Pitcher Johnson of the Nationals. Alexander of the Phillies, Wheat and Stengel of Brooklyn and Max Carey of the Pirates, \$25 for playing a game in Joplin.

Others were Bauman, Love, Alexander, Malsel, Baker, Peckinpaugh and Shafkey, Yankees; Rixey and Hendrix, Phillies; Bush, Schang, Myers and Stunk, Athletics; Danforth, Boston Sox; Frensdorff, Cardinals; Burns, Robert, Zimmerman, Robinson, Fletcher, Kauff, Hoelke, Kauter, Perritt, Doolan, Schupp and McCarthy of the Giants.

Besides the cases above mentioned

Others were investigated by the commission, but all the tossers were exonerated. Among these was that of Art Nehf, the Brave southpaw who had the consent of the Boston Braves officials to play in a game at Indianapolis.

Without a doubt the action of the commission in fining the ballplayer yesterday will bring about a break with the Baseball Players' fraternity.

McCourt Loses to Reinell.

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REVIEWS OF NEW BOOKS

King of the Khyber Rifles.

By TALBOT MUNDY.
(Illustrated by Joseph Clement Coll.)
The Bobb-Merrill Company.

KING PENETRATES THE HEART OF THE HIMALAYAS TO HEAD OFF A HOLY WAR IN INDIA.

date the crowds at the most fashionable hotel, that was in this dining room that the Governor of North Carolina made his famous remark to the Governor of South Carolina. And they were drinking the famous Greenback mint juleps, made by NOT OF WHISKY BUT OF THE FINEST FRENCH BRANDY. As a matter of fact, history records that only a few minutes really elapsed between the juleps, but it seemed long to the eager palate of the Governor of North Carolina.

In recent years, the White has been getting more and more exclusive, until now it is only the rich who can afford even a short stay there. It has all the luxuries and conveniences of civilization, but they come high. Gov. McCord has gathered all the romantic stories and legends that have about the White, making his book a very interesting as well as a very beautiful volume. (Neale)

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THE CAMBRIDGE BOOK OF POETRY FOR CHILDREN.

By Kenneth Grahame. A delightful and discriminating collection, chiefly of lyric verse. "THESE LYNNERS." By J. D. Beaufort. One of the best works of fiction of the present year.

THE GOLDEN BOOK OF THE DUTCH NAVIGATORS.

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AN O. HENRY BIOGRAPHY.

By Smith. Interesting in every line. A sympathetic narration of the little known but widely discussed events of O. Henry's life.

REVELATION OF A GERMAN AT-TACHE.

By Emil Witte. The author was connected with the German Embassy at Washington and the Foreign Office at Berlin, 1888-1907.

A TIMELY BOOK.

THE FEDERAL FARM Loan System, or New Method of Farm Mortgage Finance Under National Supervision, Including Full Text of the Federal Farm Loan Act of 1916, by Herbert Myrick (New York, Orange Judd Co.) is a practical manual upon organizing and conducting national farm loan associations, also joint stock land banks, in accordance with the new law. It says that the new system "possesses the potentialities of transcendent importance to the American people and may prove to be epochal in its economic and social benefits." The pen with which President Wilson signed the new law presented to the author of this book, who declares the act to be the "Magna Charta of American finance."

THE PURPOSE AND PRINCIPLES OF THE SYSTEM ARE CLEARLY DEFINED. IT RESTS UPON THE INDIVIDUAL FARMER, MORE OF THEM WHO WISH TO BORROW MONEY FOR LONG TIME AT REASONABLE RATES UPON EASY TERMS OF REPAYMENT, MAY DO SO BY JOINING A NATIONAL FARM LOAN ASSOCIATION. THIS LOCAL INDUSTRY, GEORGE TRELSCH, VICE CHANCELLOR, W. L. GERAN, MASTER OF J. C. DUEBELT, KEELER OF R. E. BARNES, PRESIDENT OF THE BANK, MASTER OF FINANCE, HUGH V. RANDOLPH, PRESIDENT OF THE DISTRICT, AGAINST SUCH MORTGAGE BANKS MAY ISSUE BONDS TO 30 TIMES ITS CAPITAL, THE SALE OF WHICH FURNISHES ADDITIONAL MONEY TO LEND.

ALL THE ADVANTAGES OF THE SYSTEM ARE FREE OF TAX, BECAUSE THE LAND PAYS THE TAXES. BORROWERS MUST REPAY THE PRINCIPAL BY SMALL INSTALLMENTS SEMI-ANNUALLY.

WHY BORROW BY THIS SYSTEM, WHY INVEST IN FEDERAL FARM LOAN BONDS, ARE CLEARLY SET FORTH. THE AUTHOR DOES NOT CLAIM THE NEW SYSTEM TO BE PERFECT, AND RE-PORTS WIDESPREAD INTEREST IN ITS OPERATION.

THE STYLE IS SO CLEAR AS TO MAKE IT SIMPLE AND EASILY UNDERSTOOD AN OTHERWISE COMPLEX SUBJECT. THE TYPE IS LARGE AND EASY TO READ.

MARK TWAIN'S SATAN.

"THE STRANGER," a Mark Twain story which had appeared first in the November issue of Harper's Magazine, is now issued as a book of very elaborate making. It was written many years ago and the manuscript was found after the death of the author. The story is the scene of action in the twentieth century. In its last decade, Satan, a nephew of the most famous bearer of that name, is the Stranger. The visitor appears first to a group of village boys, whom he demonstrates in various playful ways his supernatural powers. Later he works magic and not a little terrible about the village itself, practically to the boys, meanwhile a philosophy of human weakness and human conduct in which are revealed truly Mark Twain's notes of satire.

THE STORY IS AN INGENUOUS BUT IT OWES THE LARGER MEASURE OF ITS INTEREST, UNDOUBTEDLY, TO THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF ITS DISCOVERY AND PUBLICATION. ONE SUSPECTS THAT ITS AUTHOR, PERHAPS, LET IT BE UNPUBLISHED NOT WITHOUT INTENT. (Harper's)

BUNGALOWS AND COTTAGES.

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THE POST-DISPATCH
DAILY SHORT STORY

A Man of Spirit

By Sam Hellman.

MORE than 5000 years ago a learned Assyrian remarked, "Paint heart ne'er won forelady." Since that time the axiom has been clattering down the vista of ages gathering truth with every clatter and picking up support with every vista.

Many a man has been able to bolster up a faint heart with a strong breath, but times are changing. The camels are coming and faint-hearted swains of the future will have to choose between the lady and the blind tiger. The "will to conquer"—that's the thing.

Everybody at the Peerless Department store knew that Tessie Marquise in Remnants and Jim Hammett in Furniture were engaged except Tessie and Jim, who had only reached Hope Station on the Path of True Love. Starting symptoms were discernible. Jim had quit smoking cigars and talked about home cooking and raising chickens (he expected to raise some boys as well).

Tessie showed her ailments by studiously avoiding Jim in the store and always calling him Mr. Hammett when in a crowd.

To the payroll of the Peerless Jim and Tessie were a strange combination. Hammett had come to the city only a few months before from a country store where he had served ice cream soda with one hand while wrapping a pair of shoes with the other. Tessie had been born and allowed to rear herself in that part of the city where grass was looked upon as the food eaten by a strange animal called cow and where you woke up eight people when you turned on a light in your room at night.

But, as has been evidenced in the celebrated case of the restaurant patron who ordered ox-tail soup and beef tongue, extremes will meet and mix rather well at that. Hammett introduced himself to Tessie several weeks after his arrival by slipping on the floor and knocking her down. The following conversation ensued:

"Say, you flat-footed hick, where are your lamps-in hock?"

"I'm so sorry, I beg your pardon. I'm sorry, and—"

"Sorry, you boob! I should say you are. You're the sorriest looking fish I ever seen."

"Oh, I'm dreadfully sorry. Please excuse me."

"Is that all you can say, you rube?"

Hammett got very red and took a step toward Tessie.

"Say, he shouted, 'that will be about enough from you. I told you I was sorry and I don't want any red-headed, cross-eyed counter jumper to call me names. Understand.'

Tessie smiled.

"That's all right. I didn't mean to hurt your feelings," she said. "It was as much my fault as yours."

"That new feller Hammett is all right," Tessie told her friend, Maggie Holmes, a few moments later. "He's got spirit. Most of the guys in this place would run away from a chorus man. I like them strong men with lots of spirit."

The next day Tessie met Hammett in front of the store. She smiled and he smiled and of course he lived out in her neighborhood, and there you are. Within two weeks he was looked upon as her steady.

"He's no wolf on looks," Tessie confided to Maggie Holmes, "and he's a rotten dancer and his feet take up more floor than the piano, but you've got to hand it to him. He's there with the spirit."

"What's he done now. Licked a couple of guys?"

Tessie was annoyed.

"Say, what do you think Jim is, a roughneck? Get that out of your head, kid. He's a gentleman of class and doesn't have to bite the ears off a policeman to convince me that he's got spirit. He's kinda reserved and quiet, but, believe me, Ethelyn, nobody is gonna put over anything on that kid."

A week later Jim and Tessie went to the annual dance of the store's benevolent association. Jim had a ring in his pocket and his mind made up; Tessie was dressed for the killing and had a "yes" dangling at the end of her tongue.

It took Jim 11 dances and four lemonades to get to the point of leading Tessie to a quiet corner of the ballroom.

"Tessie, dear," he gulped, "I have saved \$500 and I got \$25 a week and we can furnish up a place on the installment plan—you know I know all about furniture—and I know a cottage with a big yard so the children, that is, uh—sure love you, and I'd be most obliged if you'd marry me."

Tessie hesitated the usual fraction of a second.

"I know why you're hesitating," broke in Jim, "you think I'll be rough because of the way I spoke to you when we first met. Honest, I never used that kind of language in my life before and I never will again. I'm so sorry I acted like a tough. Marry me, Tess, I'll never

talk back to you."

"Are you sure sorry you talked like you did that day we met," asked Tessie in an even voice, "and you'll never talk back and you'll let me have my way and—"

"Yes, yes," eagerly.

"Get out of my sight," shrieked Tessie, "before I do something rash. What would I want to marry a poor fish like you for? I thought you had spirit and the only decent thing you ever did in your life you have taken back. Beat it."

"My Gawd," wept Tessie on her way home alone, "ain't there no men of spirit left?"

And the vegetables did not grow in the grass either, so that the cow had little to eat, and poor Tom thought of the winter, and knew the cow would not have hay, and that he and his mother would have no food.

One night he was lying on his back of straw in the barn, thinking about his hard luck, when he saw a little light flickering in one of the logs.

"It must be a fairy," thought Tom, "so I might be a fairy. I have heard that they come to folk sometimes when they are in trouble in this part of the country. But I have never seen one."

While he was thinking on the log, the log opened and a tiny man came out.

"What's the matter with you?" asked the tiny man.

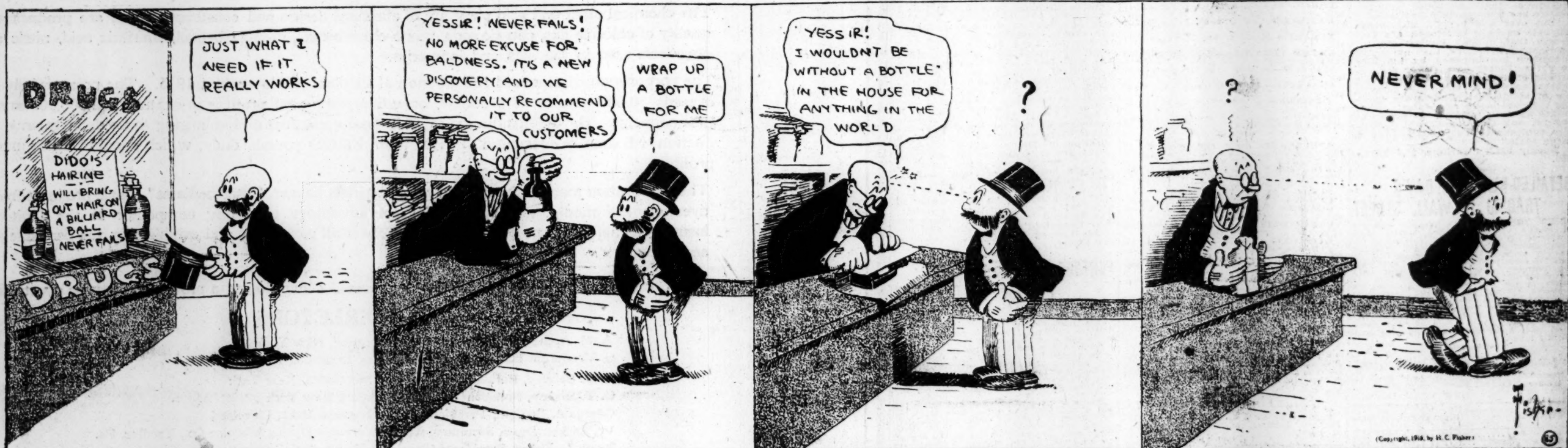
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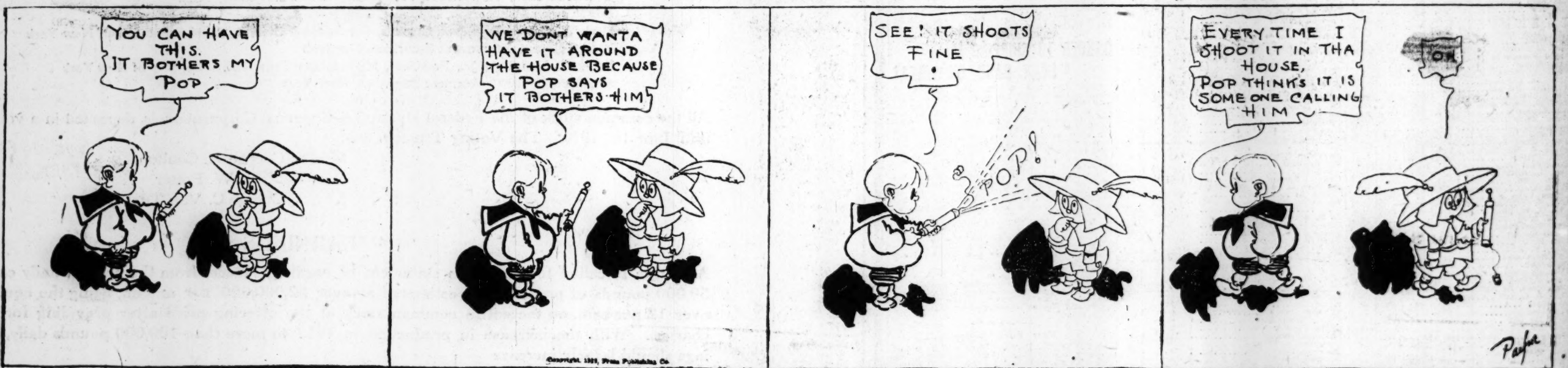
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MUTT AND JEFF—JEFF ISN'T FROM MISSOURI, BUT HE KNOWS WHEN HE'S SHOWN—BY BUD FISHER.



"S'MATTER, POP?"—YOU SEE, IT KEPT HIM POPPING IN AND OUT OF THE ROOM ALL THE TIME!—BY C. M. PAYNE.

The Sandman Story
For Tonight

POOR TOM.

POOR TOM was a peasant boy who lived all alone with his mother under a hill in a little cottage.

The cottage contained only two rooms—a bedroom and a kitchen—and Tom had to sleep in the barn with the cow.

Poor Tom was called by the people in the village because he was lame, and because that he was very poor indeed.

The only way Tom and his mother had of getting a living was from the little they sold and the little garden in the back in which they grew vegetables.

But one year the rain did not fall when it was needed, and the garden dried up

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came nearer and Tom saw a tiny man with a fiery on his shoulder.

"Ah! here is poor Tom," said the little man. "I have been looking for you. I want to help you."

"Tom sat up and rubbed his eyes, for he was sure he must be dreaming, but the little man laughed and said: 'No, Tom, you are not dreaming; I am a goblin come to help you with your garden.'

"Goblin? Can I do for you?" asked Tom. "Surely you will not help me for nothing, and I may not be able to pay you for your work."

"Oh! we don't ask for pay," said the goblin with a laugh. "all you have to do is watch and not speak until we finish. That is why I was sent ahead to look for you to tell you not to speak, no matter what happens or what you see."

Tom promised he would not speak, and the little man disappeared. Tom could see the little light go right through the side of the barn.

Tom tried to keep awake, but he fell asleep, and the next morning he saw nothing different in the garden, and Tom concluded that he must have dreamed it after all.

The next night Tom was awakened suddenly by a noise that sounded like wings of many birds near him, and when he looked around he saw hundreds of little creatures he knew about as fairies flitting all around the barn.

"Now we must take poor Tom," said the leader fairy, and the next thing Tom knew the little creatures were all about him. "He is asleep," said the leader, and while Tom felt sure he was awake he did feel very drowsy.

Tom felt the little creatures touching his lame leg, and funny, prickly feelings came into it, but he remembered his promise to the goblin, so he did not speak, though he did feel a strong desire to ask what they were doing to his lame leg.

The next thing Tom knew it was morning, and the first rays of the sun were streaming through the window.

Tom thought the sun came through the cracks in the barn, but to his surprise there were no cracks to be seen. Instead the barn was quite tight, and the loft was filled to the top with hay.

Old Molly stood mooring at him, waiting to be milked, and then Tom saw that the place where she slept was filled with clean straw.

When Tom milked the cow the pail was filled with rich milk, and he knew that he had not dreamed it all.

But what he had not noticed was that he did not limp. His lame leg was straight and strong as the other; but Tom was so happy to think that old Molly was to have plenty to eat and a warm place to sleep in the winter that he had not thought of himself at all.

"When he went into the house his mother dropped the dish she was stirring the breakfast pudding in and said: 'Oh, Tom, you poor boy, your leg is straight!'

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The villagers soon grew to know that poor Tom was no longer poor, for the milk his cow gave was the best any where around, and his vegetables the freshest; so when winter came Tom and his mother had a new house and plenty of food.

"Tom," said his mother one day, "I don't believe the fairies did it, after all. I think it was because you were always so good to me and never fretted about your lame leg or found fault with your hard lot that everything came out right for you."

"It may be, mother," said Tom; "but I either dreamed it all or it really did happen; anyway, all good things come from good, and I have always thought the fairies were good and the goblins, too, even though some people have said there were bad fairies and bad goblins, too."

"Maybe the ones who think they are bad find them so," said Tom's mother, "and those who think good things about the fairies and goblins see good things; anyway, it makes us happier to think good than evil."

"I know it does," said Tom. "I have always thought that way, and now I know there are no bad fairies or goblins; they are all good ones."

The Way.

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